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STATE FOR ECA/PE/V/P-ISABELLE ZSOLDOSA/AZZA MOUNIB ZAKI
INFO: ECA/PE/V/G/N-ALICE SHIFFLETT; SA/PD

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: QEXC SCUL KPAO QEXC

SUBJECT: FY-2004 MRP "ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT AND
BUSINESS" SEPTEMBER 2-23, 2004: SRI LANKAN NOMINATION
PROJECT NUMBER: E/VP-2004-0040

REF: (A) STATE 103436, (B) COLOMBO 0676

¶1. POST NOMINATES MR. SAJITH PREMADASA, DEPUTY MINISTER
OF HEALTH, NUTRITION AND WELFARE FOR PARTICIPATION IN
SUBJECT PROJECT. POST CONFIRMS THAT THIS NOMINATION
HAS "FULL COUNTRY TEAM APPROVAL."

¶2. NOMINATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

START FIXED-FORMAT TEXT (PLEASE DO NOT EDIT):

: THE FOLLOWING DATA IS IN A FIXED FORMAT WHICH ENABLES
: AUTOMATED PROCESSING IN WASHINGTON AND SHOULD NOT BE
: EDITED EXCEPT BY MEANS OF THE POST-EVDB SOFTWARE.

EXPORT-SOURCE: POST-EVDB

VERSION: 3.0.7

POST-EMAIL: RSCMB@PD.STATE.GOV

TRANSMITTING-POST: PAS COLOMBO

TRANSMITTING-POST-ID: 2929

EXPORT-TYPE: BIO DATA

START NOMINATION:

ECA-OFFICE: E/VGN

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 100

ECA-PROJ-NO: E/VP-2004-0040

PROJ-NAME: ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS -
SEPTEMBER 2-23, 2004

START MEMO PROJ-DESC:

END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: MULTI-REGIONAL

PROG-TYPE: IV GRANT VISITOR

FY: 2004

DEPART-POST: 08/31/2004

SESSION-DATE: 09/02/2004

RETURN-POST: 09/26/2004

NO-OF-PART: 1

RANK-ORDER: 16

START MEMO POST-OBJ:

THIS PROJECT IS IN SUPPORT OF MPP GOAL "ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY."

END MEMO POST-OBJ:

START MEMO POST-RCMD:

END MEMO POST-RCMD:

ECA-OFFICE-ID: 1039

PROG-AGENCY-ID:

PROJ-TYPE-ID: MRP

PROG-TYPE-ID: 29

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 2929

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: P

SUBJ-DISC: ANTI-CORRUPTION

START BIO:

PREFIX: MR.

F-NAME: SAJITH

M-NAME:

L-NAME: PREMADASA

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 114

PRINCIPAL?: YES

M-ADDR1: MINISTRY OF HEALTH

M-ADDR2: SUWASIRIPAYA

M-ADDR3: 385 DEANS ROAD

M-CITY: COLOMBO 10

M-STATE:

M-CNTRY: SRI LANKA

M-ZONE:

M-ZIP:

M-PHONE: (94-1) 691-525

M-FAX:

M-EMAIL:

M-CNTRY-ID: CE

M-ADDRTYPE: B

GENDER: M

DOB: 01/12/1967

MAR-STAT: M

BIRTH-CITY: COLOMBO

BIRTH-CNTRY: SRI LANKA

CITIZ-CNTRY: SRI LANKA

RES-CNTRY: SRI LANKA
START MEMO POSITION:
DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH, NUTRITION AND WELFARE, 2001-
TO DATE
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
2000-2001 - MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
1995-2000 - ENGAGED IN GRASS ROOT POLITICAL WORK IN
HAMBANTOTA
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
1992-93 - FOR STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
COLLEGE PARK
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
B.SC. INTERNATONAL RELATIONS, LONDON SCHOOL OF
ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, 1991
END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

END MEMO PUBLICATIONS:
START MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
NOMINEE DOES NOT CONSUME BEEF OR PORK. NONE SMOKER
END MEMO SPEC-CONSID:
FIRST-LANG: SINHALA
ENGL-READ: 4
ENGL-SPEAK: 4
ENGL-COMP: 4
START MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
THIS PROJECT IS IN SUPPORT OF MPP GOAL "ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY."
END MEMO NOM-POST-OBJ:
START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
START MEMO VIS-OBJ:

END MEMO VIS-OBJ:
START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:
NOMINATING-OFFICER: WILL AVERY
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
SAJITH PREMADASA (36), SON OF LATE PRESIDENT R.
PREMADASA, IS A POPULAR POLITICIAN REPRESENTING THE
DEEP SOUTH. A GRADUATE OF LSE, HE IS ONE OF THE MOST
PROMISING YOUNG POLITICIANS IN THE COUNTRY. HE HAS
BEEN ALREADY RECOGNIZED WITH THE SUB CABINET POSITION
OF DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH AND NUTRITION. SAJITH
PREMADASA IS VERY AMBITIOUS AND DETERMINED. HE HAS
OPTED TO CONTINUE HIS FATHER'S VISION OF HELPING THE
POOR. HOWEVER, HE MOVED AWAY FROM HIS FATHER'S
CONSTITUENCY IN COLOMBO TO BACKWARD HAMBANTOTA DISTRICT
IN 1995 AND HAS DONE SUBSTANTIAL WORK TO HELP THE POOR
IN THE AREA. AMONG HIS PROJECTS ARE 5 NGOS TO HELP
FARMERS, YOUTH, WOMEN AND CHILDREN. THROUGH HIS WORK,
SAJITH HAS BEEN ABLE TO BREAK